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FM AMEMBASSY SANA  
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INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANA 1520

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP, PFOR  
SUBJECT: YARD FOREIGN MINISTER TO SUDAN

1. IN CONVERSATION EVENING OF APRIL 18, SUDANESE AMBASSADOR ABD AL-MAJID BASHIR AL-AHMADI INFORMED ME ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ WILL BE TRAVELLING TO KHARTOUM NEXT WEEK TO BRIEF PRESIDENT NUMAYRI ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN YEMEN FOLLOWING THE RECENT ASSASSINATION OF QADI AL-HAJRI. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THE VISIT WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20 BUT WAS POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF A CURRENT VISIT TO KHARTOUM OF THE EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT.

2. THE AMBASSADOR OPINED THAT AL-ASNAJ WILL ASK PRESIDENT NUMAYRI TO INTERCEDE WITH THE SAUDIS FOR GREATER SAUDI SUPPORT FOR AL-HAMDI IN HIS EFFORTS TO EXTEND THE WRIT OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INTO THE NORTHERN TRIBAL REGION.

3. SUDANESE AMBASSADOR WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE STRONGLY BELIEVES IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR THE SAUDIS AND SUDANESE TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI AT A TIME WHEN IT IS OBVIOUS  
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THAT THE SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO USE THEIR LEFTIST AGENTS TO UNDO AL-HAMDI'S PRO-SAUDI POLICIES IN YEMEN. THE AMBASSADOR CONTINUED THAT HE INTENDED TO RECOMMEND STRONGLY TO PRESIDENT NUMAYRI TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF AL-HAMDI WITH THE SAUDIS.

4. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR ABD AL-MAJID BASHIR AL-AHMADI IS

THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE AND MOST INTELLIGENT OF THE ARAB  
AMBASSADORS IN SANA. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GOOD FRIEND OF  
THIS EMBASSY AND IS A MAN WHOM THE YEMENIS TRUST AND  
CONFIDE IN. HE ALSO APPARENTLY ENJOYS THE CONFIDENCE OF  
PRESIDENT NUMAYRI WHO, ACCORDING TO AL-AHMADI, HAS DEVELOPED  
CLOSE PERSONAL TIES WITH AL-HAMDI AND WHO CAN, THEREFORE,  
BE EXPECTED TO TAKE UP YEMENI CAUSE WITH THE SAUDIS.  
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